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POLAD MEETING OCTOBER 9 -- 2 SOVIET FLIGHTS TO CUBA

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DANISH REP SAID RE RECENT SOVIET REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT DENMARK THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD GRANTED SOVIET REQUEST AFTER CONCLUDING NO USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY REFUSING IT. DENMARK WAS SMALL COUNTRY WHICH SOVIETS COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE FLOWN AROUND. THEREFORE REFUSAL SOVIET REQUEST WOULD HAVE HAD NO PRACTICAL RESULT EXCEPT INVOLVE DENMARK IN NEEDLESS DISPUTE WITH SOVIETS.

BELGIAN REP, REFERRING US STATEMENT, AGREED FACT USSR NOT PARTY TO CHICAGO CONVENTION WOULD MAKE EASIER ANY NATO ACTION TO DENY SOVIET REQUESTS BUT WONDERED ABOUT EFFECT SUCH ACTION ON BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIETS. SAID HE WAS NOT EXPERT ON SUCH MATTERS BUT WISHED TO RAISE QUESTIONS.

US REP REPLIED HE ASSUMED GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE EXAMINING THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION NEXT WEEK'S

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REPLIES TO US REQUEST.

UK REP SAID HE HOPED HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE POSITION
ON US REQUEST BY NEXT MEETING.

COMMITTEE AGREED DISCUSS NEXT WEEK.

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